

NEWS – Statewide Law Enforcement

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764 Citations for Seat Belt, Child Restraint in January

Statewide – Extra traffic safety patrols during the month of January resulted in 2,155 citizen contacts across North Dakota. Forty-four law enforcement agencies, including the North Dakota Highway Patrol, reported additional hours in January for *Click It Or Ticket* seat belt enforcement.

A total of 2,082 citations were attributed to the added patrols. Of the total, 727 were citations for failure to use a proper safety restraint and 37 were child restraint citations. Tickets for speeding totaled 722. The traffic stops also resulted in five felony violations, 18 drug arrests, four DUIs and four citations for distracted driving.

Increased law enforcement for traffic safety is one element of a collaborative effort to eliminate roadway deaths in North Dakota. Failure to use a seat belt is consistently the most significant factor associated with motor vehicle crash injuries and deaths. Preliminary data from 2015 reports sixty-two percent of those who died in motor vehicle crashes in North Dakota were unbelted.

Funding for additional traffic safety enforcement is provided by federal grant money distributed through the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT).

Learn more about the effort to prevent crash deaths when you join the conversation on the *Code for the Road* Facebook or Twitter. Traffic safety program information is available at www.ndcodefortheroad.org.

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